



Secure Rural Schools

U.S. Forest Service

Secure Rural Schools Title II RAC Proposals



An Overview For Project Submitters

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act

- 25% of NF receipts for roads and schools since 1908 was changed in 2000
- Reauthorized 2008 with:
- Title I **Secures payments** for states and counties containing federal land to help fund schools and roads
- Title II **Special projects** on and to federal lands, with participation of a RAC
- Title III **County funds** for specific purposes
- Title IV – Miscellaneous provisions including **new calculation for 25% payment**

Title II – Special Projects

- On national forests or benefits national forest lands
- Have broad based support
- Help foster collaborative relationships
- Reviewed and recommended by resource advisory committee (RAC)
- Approved by Forest Service
- Implemented by partner, Agreement, contract, or FS workforce.

Use of Funds

- Title II & III funds unobligated in one fiscal year shall be available in the following year.
- Authority to recommend title II and title III projects ends September 30, 2011
- Title II and III funds not obligated by September 30, **2012** shall be returned to U.S. Treasury

RAC Operations



All applicable laws

All applicable regulations

Multi RAC Charter

RAC by-laws,
operating
guidelines

RAC Duties

- Learn about successful projects
- Coordinate with Ranger District staff about ideas
- Review submitted projects
- Recommend projects and funding
- Coordinate with the Designated Federal Official (DFO)
- Encourage public participation
- Monitor projects
- Recommend changes based on monitoring





Project Requirements

- Improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure
- Implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems
- Restore and improve health of the land and water quality
- Protect, restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat

Project Examples

- Fish passage – culvert replacement
- Stream/Lake structure for fish habitat
- Trail RE-construction (not new routes)
- Trail bridge RE-construction (not new infrastructure)
- Thinning
- Road maintenance
- Campground and campsite enhancement
- Land or habitat restoration
- Monitoring



Filling out the Proposal

List organization and name of individual to contact.

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000

Public Law 106-393

Title II Project Submission Form

USDA Forest Service

Siskiyou Oregon RAC

Name of Resource Advisory Committee: Rogue-Umpqua

Project Number (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):

Funding Fiscal Year(s): 2011

2. Project Name:	3a. State: 3b. County(s):
4. Project Submitted By: <i>List organization and contact name</i>	5. Date:
6. Contact Phone Number:	7. Contact E-mail:
8. Project Location: <i>See Attached Map(s)</i>	
a. National Forest(s):	b. Forest Service District:
c. Location (Township-Range-Section)	

9. Project Goals and Objectives:

GOALS - What you want to accomplish

- Spell out what success will look like
- Easy to read and follow
- Include evaluation criteria for success
- Collaboration with other partners can be a key element
- Aim for projects with little or no maintenance needs

9. Project Goals and Objectives:

OBJECTIVES -

How you plan to achieve your project goals

- Clear, concise statement of purpose and need
- Link to authorized purposes in the Act
- Describe how project will benefit public lands
- Describe both short- and long-term objectives
- Balance facts and values in describing need

10. Project Description:

- a. Brief: (*in one sentence*)
- b. Detailed:

a. Brief

- State in terms of authorized purposes in the Act

Example: This project will provide long-term stability to 500 feet of streambank along Black Creek $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the confluence with Little River using erosion control methods and native vegetation.

10. Project Description:

- a. Brief: (*in one sentence*)
- b. Detailed:

b. Detailed

- 1-3 paragraphs describing how the project will be implemented
- Use complete sentences or bullet statements or both
- Use correct grammar and spelling
- Briefly mention monitoring/refer to #24
- Address NEPA if required by project

11. Types of Lands Involved?

State/Private/Other lands involved? Yes No

Land Status:

If Yes, specify:

12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? (Check at least 1)

Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.

Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.

Restores and improves land health.

Restores water quality

13. Project Type

a. **Check all that apply:** (check at least 1)

Road Maintenance	Trail Maintenance
Road Decommission/Obliteration	Trail Obliteration
Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify):	
Soil Productivity Improvement	Forest Health Improvement
Watershed Restoration & Maintenance	Wildlife Habitat Restoration
Fish Habitat Restoration	Control of Noxious Weeds
Reestablish Native Species	Fuels Management/Fire Prevention
Community Economic Benefit	Other Project Type (specify):
b. Primary Purpose (select only 1):	

14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish

Miles of road maintained:

Be Specific

Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated:

Number of structures maintained/improved:

Acres of soil productivity improved:

Miles of stream/river restored/improved:

Miles of fish habitat restored/improved:

Acres of native species reestablished:

Acres of hazardous fuel treatment

Miles of trail maintained:

Miles of trail obliterated:

Acres of forest health improved (including fuels reduction):

Acres of rangeland improved:

Acres of wildlife habitat restored/improved:

Acres of noxious weeds controlled:

14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish

Timber volume generated (mbf):

Jobs generated in full time equivalents (FTE) to nearest tenth.

One FTE is one person for 52 forty hour weeks:

People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention):

Direct economic activity benefit:

Other:

15. Estimated Project Start Date:

16. Estimated Project Completion Date:

- Start date should not be before funds are available, ~March 1
- Could be 2 years to complete project from date of agreement completion
- Be sure estimated dates includes time for agreement development, approval, contracting, and reporting

17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.

Examples:

- Participating agreements
- Matching funds
- Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)
- In-kind work, supplies, monitoring, maintenance
- Volunteer agreements
- Adjacent landowners
- Schools

18. Identify benefits to communities.

19. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources?

20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment? (check at least 1)

Contract	Federal Workforce
County Workforce	Volunteers
Grant	Agreement
Americorps	YCC/CCC Crews
Job Corps	Stewardship Contract
Merchantable Timber Pilot	Other (specify): I have consulted with an FS office

Important
to get
accurate
facts and
tips

21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Timber?

The Financial Page

22. Anticipated Project Costs

a. Title II Funds Requested:

b. Is this a multi-year funding request? Yes No

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding:

24. Monitoring Plan (provide as attachment)

- Provide a plan that describes your process for tracking and explaining the effects of this project on your environmental and community goals outlined above.

Process: measure downstream water temperatures pre- and post-implementation, in late June and early September, years 2011 through 2011, *effects:* to lower stream temperatures in Black Creek.

- Identify who will conduct the monitoring: (Glide 5th grade students, under direction of Partnerships for Umpqua Rivers)

c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k): (\$500/year for transportation & reporting)

25. Identify remedies for failure to comply with the terms of the agreement.

If project cannot be completed under the terms of this agreement:

☐ Unused funds will be returned to the RAC account.

☐ Other, please explain:

Project Cost Analysis Worksheet

Worksheet 1

Please submit this worksheet with your proposal

At least a 10% -20% match is desired
by some fiduciary instruments

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution	Column B Requested Title II Contribution	Column C Other Contributions	Column D Total Available Funds
a. Field Work & Site Surveys				
b. NEPA (Nat'l Environ Policy Act documentation)	NEPA may be required for projects with ground disturbing activities - consult with your local Ranger District on scope, timing, and cost			
c. Endang. Species Act Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering				
f. Contract/Grant Preparation	To implement project - not for this application			
g. Contract/Grant Administration				

Project Cost Analysis Worksheet (con't)

Worksheet 1

Please submit this worksheet with your proposal

h. Contract/Grant Cost				
i. Salaries				
j. Materials & Supplies				
k. Monitoring				
l. Other 1. 2. Partner Indirect	Be specific; add partner overhead costs here			
m. Project Sub-Total				
n. FS Indirect Costs	Leave this line blank, if using "blanket" overhead			
o. Total Cost Estimate				

What slows down partners' proposals?

- Not talking with the District Ranger
- Not having specific goals/objectives
- Incomplete or unrealistic budget
- Incomplete forms
- NEPA/ESA/Heritage not completed
- Long timeframes

What can stop partners' proposals

- Doesn't benefit federal lands
- Doesn't meet other criteria in the Act
- Doesn't meet FS guidelines, management plans, etc.
- NEPA/SHPO not completed
- Long timeframes

What slows down FS proposals?

- NEPA/SHPO not completed
- Short staffing to complete projects
- Other Forest Service priorities
- Prices rise unexpectedly
- Partners unable to participate

Final - Chippewa RAC Timeline

Date	Step in Process
December 2010	advertise Requests For Proposals (monthly)
March 1, 2011	Proposals Due
March	Project forms checked and reviewed/organized by RAC and CNF subcommittees
By March 21	Mail materials to RAC members (2 wks to read)
April (first week)	RAC Meeting in Walker, MN to select projects; determine if second call for proposals is needed
May - July	Possibly schedule additional RAC meeting(s) to recommend all projects before Sept.
September 30, 2011	RAC's task is done. ID monitoring needs.
Late Feb, 2012	Final Title II dollars allocated to account
Spring-Fall 2012	Project implementation. FS must obligate all dollars before Sept. 30, 2012

EXAMPLE: 2010 Approval Letter

RE: Approval of 2010 South Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Title II Proposals

To: South Resource Advisory Committee thru DFO:

I am formally approving the 2010 projects recommended by the South Resource Advisory Committee on June 2009. Enclosed is a list of approved projects. The total project funding amount available will be based on Skamania, Cowlitz, and Klickitat County Commissioners allocation to Title II. The allocation will be determined by September 30, 2009.

There will not be enough funding to implement all projects. Projects will be funded in priority order. Forest Service staff will work with project coordinators to implement funded projects.

If you have questions, please contact Sue Ripp, Title II Coordinator, at 360-891-5153 or Chris Streb, Public Affairs Officer, at 360-891-5005. Thank you for your interest and commitment as a RAC member!

Sincerely,

/S/ FOREST SUPERVISOR

Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

EXAMPLE : Typical RAC Projects

		Title	Dollar Amount
1	S-3	Noxious Weed Control - Skamania County	\$154,462
2	S-2	Noxious Weed Control at Mount St. Helen's - Cowlitz Co.	\$15,000
3	S-1	Noxious Weed Control - Klickitat County	\$25,000
4	S-4	Cape Horn Trail Weed Control (CRGNSA)	\$7,500
5	S-17	Skamania County Jail Work Crew	\$61,765
6	S-12	Pine Creek Visitor Information Center	\$26,580
7	S-16	Skamania County Forest Youth Success	\$132,806
8	S-23	Skamania County Snowplow for Recreation	\$45,000
9	S-57	2010 Clear Creek Fish Habitat Restoration by Excavator	\$19,000
10	S-11	Pacific Crest Trail Maintenance	\$11,844
11	S-15	Skamania County Chamber Visitor Info Center Staffing	\$5,605
12	S-20	SW Washington WTA Trail Stewardship	\$32,463
13	S-25	Big Pine Legacy Tree Restoration	\$8,451
14	S-34	Skamania County Precommercial Thinning	\$80,000
15	S-41	Roadside Brushing	\$50,000
16	S-42	Asphalt Patching & Repair on Forest Road 90	\$106,125
17	S-6	Collaborative Cave/Bear Creek	\$43,310
18	S-5	Bear Creek Thinned Fuel Break and Habitat Improvement	\$25,000
19	S-32	Kalama Horse/Trail of Two Forest/Ape Cave Restroom Repair	\$16,515
20	S-26	MSHI Volunteer Stewards	\$35,798

Projects will be funded in priority order. Total project funding amount will be based on County Commissioners allocation to the Title II.



Submit electronic forms to the RAC Coordinator
or Enter your project online at:

https://wwwnotes.fs.fed.us/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf/

For more information about the Secure Rural Schools Act,

<http://www.fs.fed.us/srs/>